Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I want notice.

Subordinates of the Anchal Department.

105. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a caste-war statement of the subordinates of the Anchal Department, namely, of the Anchal Masters, Clerks, Peons, Anchalmen and Runners respectively?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Please see statement appended (*Appendix III*).

Velur Road.

106. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

1. how long is it since the Velur road (No. 34) has been opened ;

2. what is the total amount spent on it since its opening for maintenance and repair ;

3. is the Government aware of the fact that there is great cart traffic along the road during the arecanut season, i. e., from Edavam to Thulam, for taking large quantities of arecanuts produced in that part of the Talappalli Taluk to the great arecanut market at Vadakkancheri ;

4. has any responsible officer of the Engineering Department actually witnessed the miserable condition of this important road in the above months ;

5. was the question of metalling this road ever considered by the Government ;

6. if so, why is it that there is such extraordinary delay in the matter ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—1. About 30 years.

2. Rs. 1,400 annually.

3. Yes.

4. The P. W. D. officers are frequently inspecting the road. Its condition has not been miserable but fair. There has been steady improvement of late.

5. The surface of the road is repaired with laterite metal wherever necessary. There is no necessity for metalling this road with granite.

6. Vide answer to sub-division (5).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—My question is, during these months, which, I say, are the months when there will be very large cart traffic along this road, that is, the months between Edavam and Thulam, in which there is arecanut to be carried to the Ottupara market, whether in these months any responsible officer of the Engineering Department has witnessed

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or the Engineer happened to see with his own eyes the miserable condition of this important road. The only period in which this road is used by the people is this poriod of six months.

President.—That answer is a general one applicable not only to the 4 months in question but also to the 8 months following.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to the metalling of the road, the answer is that there is no necessity for metalling this road with granite. Will not a road metalled with granite be better than a road metalled with laterite?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Certainly.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was there at any time bus traffic along this road, say, in the last year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I am not aware. The Police Commissioner may know.

President.—Is there any bus traffic by the Velur road to Kunnamkulam and thence to Vadakkancheri?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—There was one started but it was subsequently given up as the road was extremely bad.

Mr. V.K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Not to my knowledge.

107. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state;—

(a) how long is it that the Velur road (road connecting Trichur—Kunnamkulam road with Trichur—Shoranur road) has been opened;

(b) what is the total amount spent on it since its opening for maintenance and repair;

(c) is the Government aware of the great cart traffic along this road in the arecanut season (months from Edavam to Thulam) for taking the large quantity of arecanut produced in that part of the Talappalli Taluk to the great arecanut mart at Vadakkancheri;

(d) has the question of metalling this road ever been considered by the Government;

(e) has any responsible officer of the Engineering Department actually witnessed the miserable condition of this important road in the months from Edavam to Thulam?

Mr. V.K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 106.

Vellore-trained Inspectors.

108. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(1) whether there is any rule or understanding that there should always be two Vellore-trained Inspectors in the Police Force in Cochin State;

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